

Application Serial No. 10/657,310
Amendment After Final Action dated February 13, 2006
Reply to Final Office Action dated November 30, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 13-14 are pending in the current application. Claim 11 has been cancelled. Claims 2-4 and 7-9 are allowed. Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 12 and 14 are objected to. The Examiner rejected Claims 11 and 13.

Applicant has amended Claims 1, 2 and 3 to correct minor typographical errors.

The Examiner objected to Claims 1, 5, 6 and 10 in that the term bearing support recess, as called for in these claims, was not expressly recited in the specification. Applicant has amended paragraphs [0003], [0006], [0020], and [0021] to incorporate this terminology. Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment does not introduce new matter as a recess (132) in bearing support 66 is illustrated in Figs. 6 and 7. Accordingly, Applicant requests the withdrawal of the objection to these claims.

The Examiner objected to Claims 12 and 14 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, i.e., Independent Claim 11, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended Claim 12 to place it in independent form. Claim 13 now depends from allowable Claim 12. Rejected Claim 11 has been cancelled.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and places the application in condition for allowance.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicant hereby petitions therefore and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, Baker & Daniels.

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Should the Examiner have any further questions regarding any of the foregoing, she is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at (260) 424-8000.

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